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Applicant: David Neil SLATTER) Re: Preliminary Amendment
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IMAGE CAPTURE SYSTEMS") Date: February 15, 2001

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Drawings, Claims and Abstract:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please enter the seven sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-8) enclosed herewith into the above-identified application to replace the seven sheets of informal drawings (Figs. 1-8) filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An electronic image capture apparatus comprising: an image detecting device adapted to capture a set of sub-images or tiles corresponding to different areas of a document at known locations and a processor [electronic processing means] adapted to receive the set of sub-images produced by the device and to process the sub-images to form a machine-readable text document equivalent to the portion of the document covered by the set of